

**MULTICULTURAL SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES AND
CONTRACTING SUPPORT PROGRAM**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes the Multicultural Small Business Services and Contracting Support Program within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ establishes the Multicultural Small Business Services and Contracting Support Program (program) within the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (office) to provide training and support for certain multicultural small businesses that intend to utilize state programs and government contracting opportunities;
- ▶ requires the executive director of the office to appoint a director of the program;
- ▶ provides for the duties of the program; and
- ▶ requires the office to report annually on the program's operations and

recommendations.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

- ▶ to Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity -- Business Development -- Corporate Recruitment and Business Services, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from General Fund, \$150,000.



28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 None

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 ENACTS:

32 [63N-3-801](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 [63N-3-802](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



35 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

36 Section 1. Section **63N-3-801** is enacted to read:

37 **Part 8. Multicultural Small Business Services and Contracting Support Program**

38 **63N-3-801. Definitions.**

39 As used in this part:

40 (1) "Director" means the director of the Multicultural Small Business Services and
41 Contracting Support Program.

42 (2) "Multicultural small business" means a business that:

43 (a) has fewer than 150 employees;

44 (b) maintains the business's principal business operations in the state; and

45 (c) is owned by a minority individual.

46 (3) "Program" means the Multicultural Small Business Services and Contracting
47 Support Program created in Section [63N-3-802](#).

48 Section 2. Section **63N-3-802** is enacted to read:

49 **63N-3-802. Multicultural Small Business Services and Contracting Support**
50 **Program.**

51 (1) There is created within the office the Multicultural Small Business Services and
52 Contracting Support Program.

53 (2) The executive director shall appoint a director of the program.

54 (3) The program shall:

55 (a) provide training and technical support for multicultural small businesses that intend
56 to utilize state programs and government contracting opportunities, in coordination with the
57 procurement technical assistance center;

58 (b) provide outreach and information to multicultural small businesses that could

59 benefit from state programs and government contracting opportunities;

60 (c) establish partnerships with appropriate public and private sector entities,
61 individuals, and institutions to address the needs of multicultural small businesses; and

62 (d) foster and support programs and activities for the benefit of multicultural small
63 businesses.

64 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
65 director may make rules necessary to administer this section.

66 (5) The office shall include in the annual written report described in Section
67 63N-1a-306, a report of the program's operations and recommendations.

68 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

69 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
70 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
71 fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
72 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
73 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

74 ITEM 1

75 To Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity -- Business Development

76 From General Fund \$150,000

77 Schedule of Programs:

78 Corporate Recruitment and Business Services \$150,000

79 The Legislature intends that the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity use the
80 appropriation provided under this item to pay for up to one full-time position, including related
81 costs, for the purpose of administering the Multicultural Small Business Services and
82 Contracting Support Program created in Section 63N-3-802.